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FOR: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SILICON CARBIDE,
SILICON CARBIDE, COMPOSITE MATERIAL,
AND SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the last full paragraph on page 1 in favor of the following new paragraph:

-- Methods of manufacturing silicon carbide include reacting coke and silicon on a heated carbon surface and precipitating silicon carbide on a carbon surface (the Acheson method); heating and sublimating silicon carbide formed by the Acheson method and recrystallizing it (sublimation method, improved Lely method); the liquid deposition method in which silicon is melted in a carbon crucible and the suspended carbon and silicon are reacted in the crucible while drawing the product upward; and the like. --